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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the non-Final Office Action of March 19, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 3-6, 10-15, and 18-19 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 3-6, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Hatakeyama (JP 09-330175).

Claims 11-15 and 18 stand allowed.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Hatakeyama.

All Claims Are Now in Condition For Allowance

The Examiner's allowance of claims 11-15 and 18 is noted with appreciation.

As suggested by the Examiner, claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 18. The Examiner indicated that such an amendment would overcome the rejection. Claims 3-5 have been amended to depend from claim 11 to resolve the antecedent basis issues.

Independent claim 10 has been amended analogous to previously presented amendments to claims 11 and 18. Specifically, claim 10 has been amended to emphasize that the keystroke recognition is performed based on the relative positions of the higher force touched zone relative to the zones which are concurrently touched with a lower force.

Specifically, in Hatakeyama, a keyboard is defined and displayed based on an initial placement of the fingers. Once the positions are assigned, relative movement of the fingers can cause typographical errors.

By contrast, claim 10 calls for the keystrokes to be recognized by position of the higher forced touch zone relative to the zones which are touched by the other fingers at lower forces. Because claim 10 calls for a different apparatus which achieves different results, it is submitted that claim 10 and claim 6 dependent

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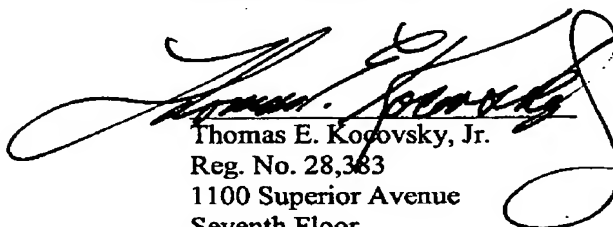
therefrom are not anticipated by Hatakeyama and otherwise distinguish patentably over the references of record.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 3-6, 10-15, and 18-19 are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

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